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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated January 14, 2002, the period for response having been extended two (2) months to June 14, 2002 by petition herein, following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims cancel claims 43, 45, and 54 without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 41. (Three Times Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a complement of a polynucleotide that